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from the president



Dear Friends,

There is much to celebrate as the University gets ready to begin another academic year. Despite a challenging economy, our enrollment has remained solid, and our donors have continued to sacrifice to include Charleston Southern in their giving. We are grateful for the Lord's blessings.

The Class of 2014 is gearing up to take its place in the classrooms and residence halls. The freshman summer reading assignment, *Crazy Love*, by Francis Chan, will provide plenty of discussion as students are challenged to live a Christ-like life

Within the pages of this magazine, you will find inspiring stories about members of our University family.

- Hadder Rendon, a May graduate, beat the odds of a humble background and is one of the Air Force's elite accepted into fighter pilot training.
- Assistant football coach Dave Padilla exemplifies leadership on and off the field to student-athletes. His story is an inspiring testimony of what it means to step out in faith.
- The University would not be able to function without our dedicated, hard working employees. Karen Collins has impacted CSU's employees and students through the years.
- Junior Omar Montes de Oca and his family are making a difference in the lives of children in the Dominican Republic.

We hope you will join the University in celebrating Homecoming, the weekend of Oct. 22-24. Plans are under way for the Cuttino Choir Reunion, open to all alumni who performed under the direction of Dr. David Cuttino. Details are inside.

Sissy and I thank you for your continued support and look forward to seeing you at Homecoming.

Sincerely,



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Chick-fil-A founder addresses Charleston Southern University graduates

Chick-fil-A Founder and Chairman S. Truett Cathy gave the address at Charleston Southern University's commencement ceremony May 8 at North Charleston Coliseum.

The University awarded degrees to 340 students: 281 undergraduate degrees and 59 graduate degrees. Eighty percent of graduates are from South Carolina, and more than 100 are from the Lowcountry.

Cathy received the honorary doctorate of commerce. Karen Collins, executive assistant in CSU's advancement office, received the Distinguished Service Award for her years of service to the University.

Cathy gave each graduate a copy of his book "How Did You Do It, Truett?" "The book I'm

giving you graduates lists my 11 do's and don'ts of proven success. Number 11 is invite God to be involved in every decision," said Cathy.

His address focused on life lessons for the graduates. Truett has taught Sunday School to 13-year-old boys for 52 years. Cathy said, "With my 13-year-old boys I say, Who's your master going to be? Will it be the Lord? What's your mission going to be? Who are you going to marry?"

"I was bragging on my three children to someone one day," and he said, "the greatest determination of how good a father you are is determined by your grandchildren." If I hadn't taught these little children how to be good parents by example, I missed my opportunity," said Cathy.

Cathy opened the first Chick-fil-A restaurant in Atlanta's Greenbriar Shopping Center in 1967. Today, there are more than 1,484 Chick-fil-A restaurants in 38 states and Washington, D.C., and it is the second-largest quick-service chicken restaurant chain in the United States based on annual sales.

Dr. Arnold Hite, professor of economics, is the 2010 winner of the Excellence in Teaching Award. Three retiring professors were honored: Martin James Barrier, professor emeritus of biology; Stephen H. Best, professor emeritus of biology; and Eugene Willis McDermott, professor of business administration and accounting. ■



President Jarry Hunter and Chick-fil-A founder S. Truett Cathy



S. Truett Cathy, on right, congratulates Brenda Campbell, who persevered for 13 years to receive her Youth Ministry degree



Awards announced at the ceremony were:

- *The John Barry Christian Scholar Award*, to the graduating senior who achieved the highest scholastic ratio, and who, in the judgment of the faculty, evidences the greatest promise for future scholarship: **Nancy A. Brockhouse**
- *The Myrtle K. Hamrick Award*, to the female graduate who possesses the highest virtues of Christian womanhood: **Katie L. Caulder**
- *Academic Excellence Award*: **Rebecca Davis**
- *The Hunter Cup*, to a member of the graduating class who has best served the University, and whose character, scholarship and athletic ability are deemed outstanding: **Andrew J. McKain**
- *The Carolyn Killen Hunter Scholarship*, to a rising senior in the School of Education: **Meredith L. Bradley**



President Hunter and Karen Collins

A full-page background image of a bright blue sky with large, fluffy white clouds. The clouds are concentrated in the lower half of the frame, while the upper half is a clear, vibrant blue.

HADDER RENDON FLIES HIGH

by Sherry Atkinson



One of Hadder Rendon's first memories of moving to the United States is living in a two-room house where his family lived in one room and a young couple with a baby lived in the other. Rendon was nine when he, his five-year-old brother and his mother left Columbia, South America, in 1993 to join his father in Maryland.

Rendon's father had caught a glimpse of the enormous opportunities in the United States after a month-long visit in 1988. "From that point on my dad had a dream to take the family to the states," said Rendon, "and in 1991 he came to the states to find the American dream."

Making the dream a reality required hard work. While the boys found their way in a new culture, which included learning English, Mr. Rendon worked three jobs. His hard work paid off, however, when in December 1995, the family was able to buy a home.

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Rendon fared well in school. He picked up English in a matter of months and excelled in math. He joined the Air Force right out of high school in 2004 and soon after was off to boot camp. "That was probably one of the hardest things I had done," said Rendon. "Boot camp was tough, but it was cake compared to leaving my family."

After boot camp he spent time in Oklahoma then was deployed to Iraq for three months. From there he did a shore tour in South Korea for a year followed by a tour of duty in Washington, D.C., close to his parents. While there he earned his associate's degree in applied sciences in 2006.

In May 2007 he spent two months at Ft. Riley, Kansas, before being deployed to Afghanistan. While at Ft. Riley he was active at the base chapel and met the chaplain's daughter, Sarah. While Rendon was in Afghanistan he engaged in Bible study and found great spiritual support. His time there primed him as he faced life-altering decisions over the next few years, including his growing relationship with Sarah.

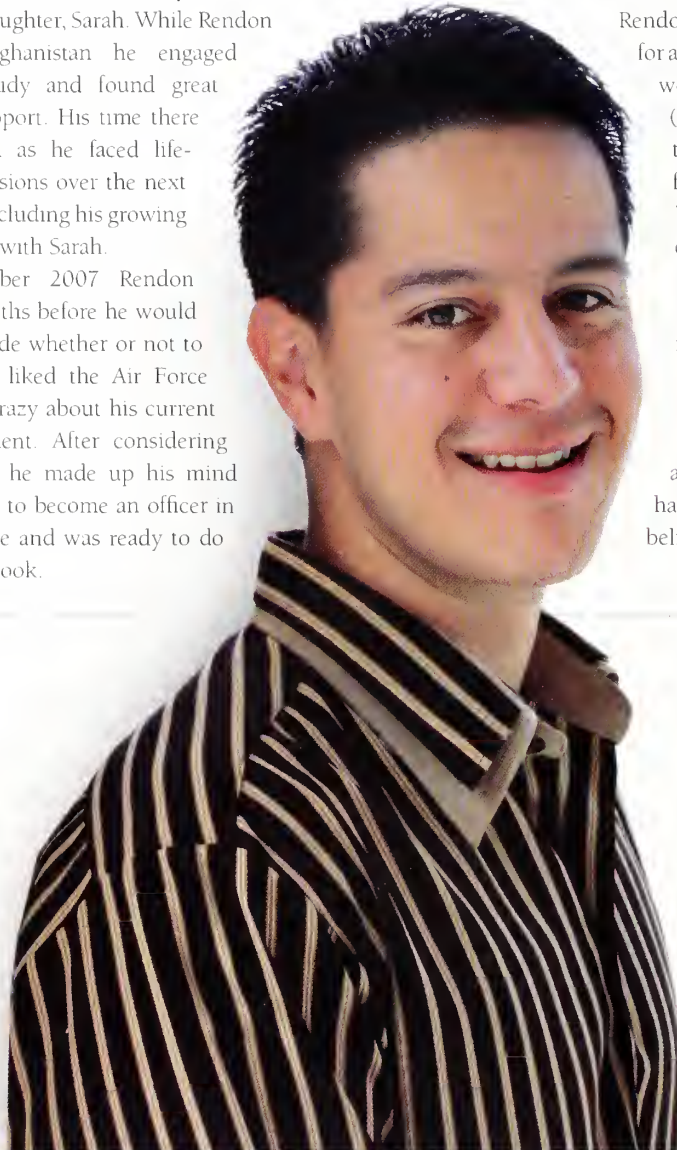
In December 2007 Rendon had six months before he would have to decide whether or not to reenlist. He liked the Air Force but wasn't crazy about his current job assignment. After considering his options, he made up his mind – he wanted to become an officer in the Air Force and was ready to do whatever it took.

In his search for the right college, Rendon visited the military.com website. There in the Top Ten List of Military Friendly Schools was Charleston Southern University. "I'm not going to lie, I like Charleston and the beach," Rendon laughed, "and then I found out that Charleston Southern is a Christian university." He contacted the University and was ecstatic to find that both the AFROTC program and the bachelor of management arts degree program were two years; he could finish his degree and become an officer in two years.

In June Rendon left the Air Force, and in August started classes with "no friends, no money, no job and no scholarships. You know, you make a decision and you do it. Then you look back and think, Wow, did I really do that?"

Captain Justin Sincoff approached him with the opportunity to test for pilot training. Rendon was all for it. In 2006 he had actually considered pursuing commercial pilot training but had dropped the idea because of the cost.

Rendon was one of 580 chosen to test for a pilot slot. Out of that number, 42 would be selected to go to ENJJPT (EuroNatoJointJetPilot Training) to train as a fighter pilot. The following spring Colonel Mark Trudeau, detachment commander, congratulated him on placing in a pilot slot, which meant he was not one of the 42 accepted in fighter pilot training. In spite of the disappointment, Rendon held fast. "I said, Okay God, you know what is best for me and what you want for me. You have me here for a purpose, and I believe that 100 percent."





About a week later Trudeau contacted Rendon with the news that things had changed – a slot had opened in the fighter pilot training, and he was next on the list; did he want to fill the slot? After discussing it with his wife, Rendon accepted the offer to attend ENJJPT. “It is really exciting because I am going to get a chance to do something I never thought I would ever do in my life,” said Rendon, “and it all started off when my parents took that step of faith to come to the states.”

Rendon impressed Trudeau from day one. “Hadder has been extremely focused since the first day he walked in the door. He has been a model cadet during his time here in Detachment 772, respected by both the cadre and his fellow cadets and excelled in every task set before him. His AFROTC Distinguished Graduate award and selection for pilot training at the most exclusive training location in the Air Force was not a surprise considering his abilities, and we are confident that he will do well.” ■

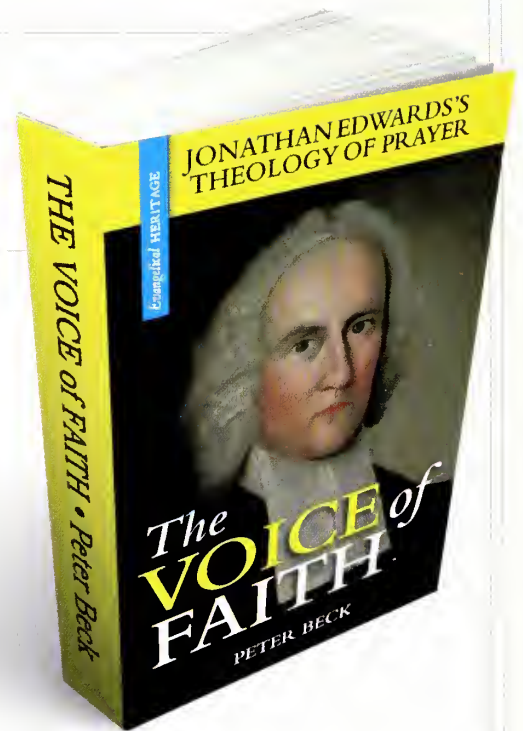
Beck publishes *The Voice of Faith*

Dr. Peter Beck, assistant professor of religion and director of the Honors Program, has released his first book, *The Voice of Faith: Jonathan Edwards's Theology of Prayer*. The book is available through Amazon.com.

The book explores the sermons and writings of New England divine, Jonathan Edwards, and draws a comprehensive picture of his theology of prayer. Starting with the foundation of who

God is - his character and attributes - author Peter Beck illustrates why Edwards believed God would hear the prayers of his people. He also examines Edwards's view of Christ, the work of the Spirit and the nature of man. Interspersed are three external biographies that set the historical and theological scene in which Edwards was writing. ■

Cover image by Janice Van Eck, R.G.D.



CSU selected to Participate in Pathways Project

Charleston Southern has been selected by the Council of Independent Colleges (CIC) to participate in the Creating Pathways to Educational and Economic Opportunity in Urban Colleges and Universities project. The project seeks to identify ways to improve student learning outcomes in under-

represented populations, particularly students from low-income backgrounds and first-generation college goers. The Pathways project is generously funded by the Carnegie Corporation of New York and includes 19 members from the current Collegiate Learning Assessment (CLA) Consortium and 10 institutions

to be added as new members. CSU is one of 29 colleges participating in the project. Initial testing and data gathering is expected to begin in the fall 2010 semester. ■



FRESHMAN READING SETS LOVE IN MOTION

The Student Government Association has adopted Love in Motion as the theme for 2010-2011.

Incoming freshmen will get their first glimpse of what it means to truly love in their summer reading project of Francis Chan's *Crazy Love: Overwhelmed by a Relentless God*.

Freshmen will discuss the book during new student orientation. The book underscores the framework for CSU's Christ-centered education and worldview perspective. ■

Duncan named to IACBE board of directors

Dr. John Duncan, dean of the School of Business, has been elected to a two-year term on the board of directors for the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education (IACBE), the premier business accrediting body for business programs in student-centered colleges and universities throughout the world. The IACBE accredits business degree programs in more than 215 colleges and universities worldwide, including those at CSU. ■

Faculty and student RESEARCH

**Jennifer Whipple, PhD***Associate professor of music therapy*

RESEARCH: A study regarding which educational supports, adaptations and assessment techniques preservice teachers, who have worked with students with special needs in a field experience, find to be most effective. Conducted with Kimberly Van Weelden, The Florida State University.

Yu-Ju "Joseph" Lin, PhD*Assistant Professor of Computer Science*

RESEARCH:

1. Rescue robot: using iPhone, wireless router and a remote-control car to build a disaster rescue robot. Researching a hardware/software codeign to control the robot remotely using iPhone's wireless capability.
2. Location awareness Camera Phone: By using modern cell phone's capabilities, use the advantage of camera and GPS location to track user's travel information and to identify one's location.

Melinda Walker, PhD*Professor of Biology*

RESEARCH: Biodegradation of polyethylene bags through the use of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Pseudomonas fluorescens* and *Staphylococcus simulans*. The basis of the research is to find combinations of microbes that will degrade plastic. Several pathogenic strains are known to be able to degrade plastic. Researching developing nonpathogenic bacteria that have the same capability which therefore would be more environmentally safe to use.

Julius Mutwol, PhD*Assistant Professor of Political Science*

RESEARCH: International conflict, resulting in publication of a book. *Peace Agreements and Civil Wars in Africa: Insurgent Motivations, State Responses, and Third Party Peacemaking in Liberia, Rwanda, and Sierra Leone*

Larry D. Smith, MBA*Assistant Professor of Business Administration*

RESEARCH: Healthcare, U.S. licensed hospitals in the categories defined by the Capability Maturity Model from Carnegie Mellon, related to the use of Meditech software and peripherals that interface with it.

Patty Hambrick, EdD*Professor of Education, Director of Academic Technology, Director of Academic Grants*

RESEARCH: Mathematics, Technology and Problem Solving Online Education: How Do Faculty Make it Great?

Grant Bledsoe, PhD*Assistant Professor of Biology*

RESEARCH: Potential beneficial effect of intermedin in protection against vascular injury by inhibiting endothelial inflammation and apoptosis, and by promoting neovascularization and vascular repair.

Xiangdong Bi, PhD*Assistant Professor of Chemistry*

RESEARCH: PAMAM dendrimer mediated delivery of quorum-sensing inhibitors for antibacterial infection. A joint proposal with Medical University of South Carolina, "Development of topical treatment for *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* wound infections by quorum-sensing inhibitors mediated by poly(amidoamine) (PAMAM) dendrimers," has been submitted to Defense Medical Research and Development Program Applied Research and Advanced Technology Development Award.

Cristin O'Brien*Junior, music therapy major*

RESEARCH: "The Effects of Rap Versus Traditional Children's Music on Responses of Children with Autism During Group Music Therapy: A Pilot Study," received the undergraduate award from the Southeast Region of the American Music Therapy Association. ■



Joseph Lin, PhD • photo by Peter Finger

“IT'S NOT AS EASY AS YOU THINK IT IS. CONNECTING THE PARTS TOGETHER, THAT'S EASY. THE HARD PART IS SENDING THE COMMANDS FROM THE IPHONE TO THE VEHICLE, AND WE HAVE TO USE THE IPHONE'S MOTION SENSOR. THAT PART IS ALL SOFTWARE DRIVEN. ENGINEERING THE SOFTWARE IS WHAT MAKES IT ALL HAPPEN.”

— Yu-Ju "Joseph" Lin, PhD

Fast-Track master of education program begins

by Jan Joslin

Finishing a master of education in elementary education will be much easier with a new program which began June 7.

The master of education in elementary education is not a new program at CSU—it is just being offered in a different way. The 13-month course of study is completed through online, weekend and face-to-face instruction using a cohort model that supports collaborative learning.

“Elementary teachers are typically young with lots of activities going on in and outside of the classroom,” said Dr. Trudy Morris, director of graduate studies in education. “This accelerated program will help teachers advance to a bachelor’s degree plus 18 hours after Summer II in the first year of the program and a master’s

degree by Summer II of the second year,” she said. “This leads to an advance in salary and helps young educators develop a professional identity.”

The fast-track master’s program also offers content courses that build competency in language arts and mathematics and focuses on National Board of Professional Teaching Standards to prepare candidates for National Board certification. The School of Education is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education.

For more information, go to charlestonsouthern.edu/academics/graduate.

Faculty featured in Piccolo Spoleto Festival

The Piccolo Spoleto Festival Orchestra celebrated the 150th anniversary of the birthday of Mahler with a concert featuring works by Mahler, Debussy, Catalani, Puccini, Busoni, Schoenberg and Capellini. Soloists included Jill Terhaar Lewis, soprano, and Jennifer Luiken, mezzo soprano, both professors in the Horton School of Music. ■

STERBANK RELEASES CD

Mark Sterbank, assistant professor of jazz studies and saxophone instructor, released his first CD, *Hymns and Spirituals*, June 1 during Charleston’s annual Piccolo Spoleto.

The Mark Sterbank Jazz Group’s *Hymns and Spirituals* is available for purchase online through cdbaby.com or available for download through digstation.com. ■

CD Cover design by Evan Bivins.



Music and worship leadership major introduced

by Sherry Atkinson



Music and worship ministry in evangelical churches has experienced significant change in recent years. According to Mark Powers, director of worship and music at the S.C. Baptist Convention, "The present reality of worship leading is changing rapidly to include new technologies, styles and skills that older curriculums are not geared to produce."

The new music and worship leadership major starting this fall will prepare worship leaders for current trends in worship and equip them with the tools to handle future change. "We want to prepare our graduates to facilitate an environment for worship. We also want to make their jobs easier by providing knowledge of the wide range of tools and techniques available for their use," said Dr. Jim Colman, vice president for academic affairs.

The degree includes three core areas of emphasis: music, worship and Christian studies. The modern worship leader needs a solid musical foundation to lead worship teams, direct choirs and to create new music for worship. Vocal instruction will focus on establishing healthy technique while singing in a modern style. In addition, students choose

either keyboard or guitar study to complement their voice training.

In the worship studies core, students will explore the rich heritage of music in worship and develop strategies for meeting the worship needs of multigenerational churches. Classes in worship technology, commercial music theory and arranging are included. An internship with a local church and a senior worship project will confirm the student's calling and preparation.

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— Mark Powers

The Christian studies core includes classes in Old and New Testament, theology, Christian leadership and evangelism. Growing churches require ministry team members to be thoroughly trained in sound Christian doctrine. This biblical foundation is designed to support worship planning, team ministry and church mission.

Allen S. Hendricks, Horton Endowed Chair of Church Music, leads the music and worship leadership program. "It's exciting to see students exploring the rich biblical and historical foundations of worship while developing relevant and transformational worship experiences," said Hendricks, who has more than 25 years of local church music and worship ministry experience. "I am personally driven to be a catalyst for students seeking God's direction for their future and the future of music and worship in the church." ■

For more information, go to www.charlestonsouthern.edu/worshipleadership.

ABOVE CSU worship team members

BELOW Allen Hendricks



SOFTBALL CONTINUES TO CLIMB

By CSU Sports Information



The softball season marked continued improvement, highlighted by records being broken, 30 wins on the season and a team winning record. The Bucs finished with a final record of 30-28-1 and an 8-10 mark in the Big South, before being eliminated in the conference tournament after a 1-2 record. In just his second year as a head coach, Shane Winkler has seemingly changed the culture surrounding the CSU softball program.

“I EXPECT 2011 TO BE A VERY BIG YEAR FOR CHARLESTON SOUTHERN SOFTBALL.”
— Shane Winkler, Head Coach

In each of his first two years, Winkler has created a team motto heading into the season. The 2010 motto: “Why not us? Why not now?” The slogan turned out to be more than just words to this group of Buccaneers, who posted the most wins the program has seen since 1993.

“I’m very proud of this year’s team and what they accomplished,” reflected Winkler. “Only about one-third of the country has a shot at 30 wins, so that says a lot about this group of players.”

If there is one common theme in all sports, it’s that winning breeds winning. Getting over the elusive .500 mark can be a struggle for some teams, as it has been for CSU softball for nearly a decade. But the 2010 Bucs managed to break the seal with a winning season and now have no plans of looking back.

“We took another big step forward by posting the first winning season since 2001 and that is only going to help with recruiting future players,” said Winkler. “For the past two years we have sold the idea of being a part of a winning program, and now we have established that we are a winning program and only look to get better.”

CSU capped off the regular season with a five game winning streak, the longest win streak in the Winkler era. The Bucs also posted some impressive individual wins on the season, with a 9-4 victory over No. 15 ranked Louisville and a 6-0 win vs. Virginia Tech. CSU faced off with crosstown rivals College of Charleston six times on the year, taking five out of six wins vs. the SoCon member.

These wins helped the Bucs to tally 56 wins over the past two seasons, compared to 33 wins in the two years before that. Now the goal for this team has changed from being a Big South competitor, to a Big South contender.

“We are all proud of what we’ve accomplished over the past two seasons,” said Winkler. “The goal is going to remain winning a Big South Championship and making it into the NCAA Tournament.”

The Bucs didn’t get to a 30-win season by accident; they got there by hitting the cover off the ball, while breaking nearly every major team and individual batting record. Megan Lombard broke individual season records for at bats, runs scored and total bases. Jana Matthews chipped in with an outstanding freshman season, breaking the single season homerun record.

As a team, CSU set new program marks for homeruns, total hits, slugging percentage and total bases. To sum it up, the Bucs broke so many records this year that there was a new record book created for them.

Also contributing to the successful year were two seniors who stepped into leadership roles for the season. Megan Hall capped off one of the best careers in CSU history by leading the team with a .369 batting average. Hall finished her storied career as the all-time leader in runs scored, while finishing second in total hits, walks, on-base percentage and total bases.

Caitlin Allen also had a career year as a senior, tallying a 7-3 record in the circle to go along with a pair of saves. She finished her career tied for first in both single season and career saves. Allen also was named Big South Scholar-Athlete of the Year, the first CSU softball player to receive the award.

“Our seniors were a very big part of our success this season,” added Winkler. “They did a great job of leading our team both on and off the field as both Megan and Caitlin were great players and great students. We are going to miss their contributions, but it is nice to only have to replace two seniors compared to six a year ago. The experience that our young kids received will only help us as we move forward.”

“I expect 2011 to be a very big year for Charleston Southern softball,” said Winkler. “We will have an experienced team as well as many new faces that will come in and contribute immediately. We will have competition at every position, which is only going to make everyone better as we will once again play a very challenging schedule.” ■

Big South title, numerous individual honors highlight tennis campaign

By CSU Sports Information

The women's tennis team recently wrapped up one of the greatest seasons in school history. The 2010 campaign included a Big South Regular-Season Championship, the most wins in a single season in school history and numerous individual honors.

The Buccaneers (17-4, 7-0 Big South) started the season on an 11-game win streak, which included 4-3 victories over No. 66 University of North Carolina Greensboro and No. 59 Winthrop University.

The Big South victory over the Eagles was the first time WU fell in a regular-season league duel since 2001.

“WINNING THE CONFERENCE REGULAR-SEASON TITLE WAS BIG FOR OUR PROGRAM. WE HAD A REALLY GOOD SEASON THIS YEAR, AND WE’RE JUST GOING TO KEEP MOVING FORWARD AND HOPEFULLY WIN THE CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT NEXT YEAR.”

— Mike Baker, Head Coach

“Traveling to Winthrop and beating them on their home court was a great moment in our tennis history because they’ve been so dominant over the years,” head coach Mike Baker said. “There was great energy during the match, and everybody was so excited afterward. It was one of those moments of the year that was great for Charleston Southern tennis.”

After losing its first match of the season and defeating Coastal Carolina University 4-3, Charleston Southern rattled off four-consecutive 7-0 shutout wins. Two of those wins came against Radford University and Presbyterian College, wrapping up the regular-season championship for the Buccaneers.

CSU blanked the Highlanders in the conference tournament before falling 4-0 to Winthrop in the Big South Championship match. This was the second-straight year Charleston Southern advanced to the tournament finale before being ousted by the Eagles.

The Buccaneers climbed as high as No. 58 in the national rankings during the 11-game win streak, which was the highest during the Mike Baker era. Baker guided CSU to an unblemished regular-season conference record and was named the Big South Coach of the Year for the second time of his career.

“Winning the conference regular-season title was big for our program,” Baker said. “We had a really good season this year, and we’re just going to keep moving forward and hopefully win the conference tournament next year.”

Olga Makhova went 7-0 in league play during the regular season and was named the Big South Player of the Year for the second-consecutive year. The rising junior finished the season with an 18-2 record at No. 1 singles. She won the No. 1 singles flight championship and was named First-Team All-Conference.

Joining her on the All-Conference First Team was Andrea Schutte. Schutte finished the season 14-4, playing most of the 2010 campaign at No. 2 singles.

The Buccaneers claimed a Big South-best three of six singles flight championships, highlighted by Makhova at No. 1. Rising senior Brooke Pletcher was 7-0 in singles action during league play and was named the No. 4 flight champion. Fellow rising senior Angie Torres was named the No. 6 flight champion after posting a 5-0 mark in conference play.

“We have great depth on our team, and all the girls work really hard,” Baker said. “It tells you how good we are to have the player of the year two years in a row and also have three flight champions. It just shows that the girls are getting better each year that they are here.”

The doubles teams of Schutte/Torres and Pletcher/Susita Das both led the Buccaneers with identical 13-6 records.

Schutte is the only Buccaneer not returning for the 2011 season, and expectations will be high for Charleston Southern as the team heads into next year.

Rising junior Marija Dzakovic returns after posting a 15-6 mark in singles action. Rising sophomores Das and Andrea Gonzalez will also be called upon to add experience and depth on the roster. ■



from California to Charleston

from to DOUBT PEACE

What are you doing?

That question was ringing in David Padilla's mind for the 2,249 mile cross country drive from California to South Carolina. But who's counting?

Last July Padilla accepted a coaching assistant position under Jay Mills. But this was more than a job, more than trading palm trees for Palmetto trees or the sweet vineyards of Napa Valley for sweet tea. He was walking away from his roots, his family and friends. For Padilla, California was home. He grew up first playing, then coaching high school football there.

"That was hard for me; I had a lot of doubts about leaving home," he said. "I think even more than that was I had no idea what I was getting myself into."

BY JOHN STRUBEL



What are you doing?

"I've got a good job at Ventura College. I was going to school at Ventura College," he debated. "I qualified for scholarships into the UC system. So there were opportunities lining up where I wouldn't have to pay for anything going to a UC school."

As he drove through Arizona, New Mexico, past Oklahoma and Texas, the question reverberated: What are you doing?

He was a couple long days – and thousands of miles – away from the answer.

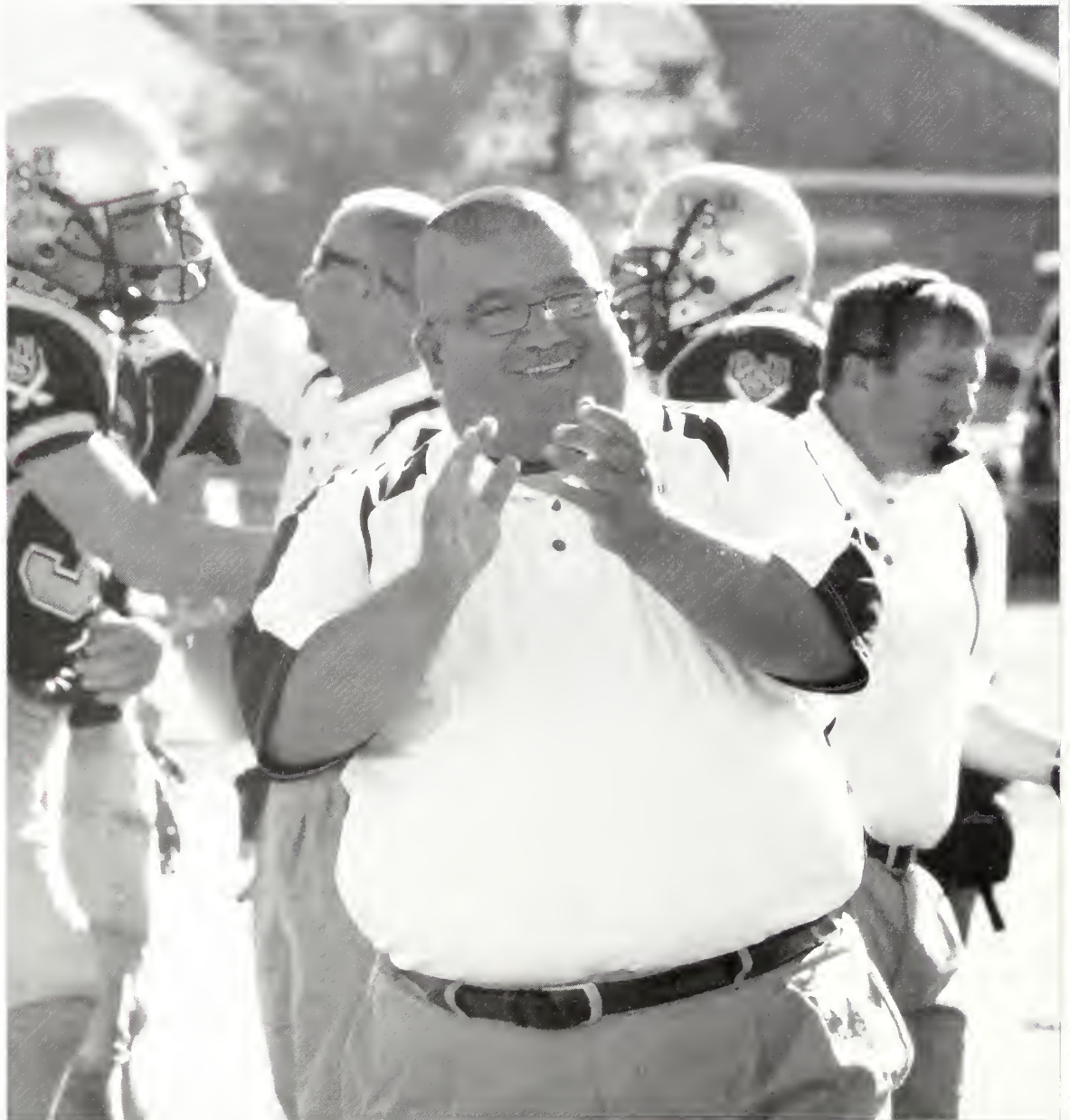
Padilla was introduced to Charleston Southern University and head football coach Jay Mills during his stint as director of football operations at Ventura College.

"I'm driving home and I get a call from Jamie Chadwell (former CSU football recruiter)," Padilla remembers. He told Padilla, "Our head coach is in the area. Are you in your office? Can you help me out?"

Padilla was on his way home. He made a U-turn and went back to the office and waited for Coach Mills.

"In the process of transitioning we started talking about the Christian faith," said Padilla, who was working for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) in Ventura. "I didn't even know CSU was a Christian university at the time. We started talking about faith and football, and I gave him a brief rundown of how I came to Christ."

Now that is a story. Padilla was led to Christ by Keith, a 14-year-old high school freshman student-athlete he coached at Cambrio High School.



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"He challenged me as to whether or not I knew God or why I cussed so much," said Padilla. "I look back now and I realize that there was always something different about him, he wasn't like other kids on the team."

He was persistent remembers Padilla, hanging around, coming in the office at lunch time, asking questions, doing different things, always asking Padilla if he wanted to go to church.

"I think I put him up against the wall a couple times because he wouldn't leave me alone," Padilla confessed. "I didn't like him."

But Padilla and Keith began to develop a bond. Their friendship grew and, on Easter Sunday 2000, with Keith at his side, Padilla accepted Christ.

Arkansas, Mississippi, cities and small towns are a blur now. Bathroom stops, lunch stops, dinner stops. Just a year earlier moving across the country was not part of the master plan.

"I said after I get my degree I may want to go up to the next level if I can find an opportunity," said Padilla. "I was going to be content honestly with staying at Ventura College and going to UC Santa Barbara. That was my goal."

Things change, so do people, especially when you're following Christ. For Padilla that day was March 9, 2009. The day Coach Mills called.

"I'm a product of Jay Mills," said Padilla. "He believed in me enough to bring me out here to be a part of this staff and to help me finish school."

"Coach has a vision for this team, not just to win a championship, but to make better men. The championship is a byproduct of making better men. I bought into the vision because I believe it. Coach Mills is part of the vehicle to help you guys get there."

What started as a passing conversation had become reality. Padilla accepted the job and on July 6, 2009, he began the long cross country drive Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina ... What are you doing?

"The reality of it is that I'm gaining everything here," Padilla said. "Had I not taken the chance there are certain things that I would never have experienced. Spiritually here I've been challenged more. I'm growing. God's challenging me more. I think about the rewards and the relationships I'm building here. I think about the kids that I've impacted here. That's where God wants me right now. I think that's a great place to be."

Padilla believes he was called to influence and guide young men. He said his life verse deals with responsibility. It is Titus 2:6-8:

Encourage young men to be self-controlled. In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us.

"He is preparing me for something," said Padilla, who added Jeremiah 29:11 comes to mind. For I know the plans I have for you. Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

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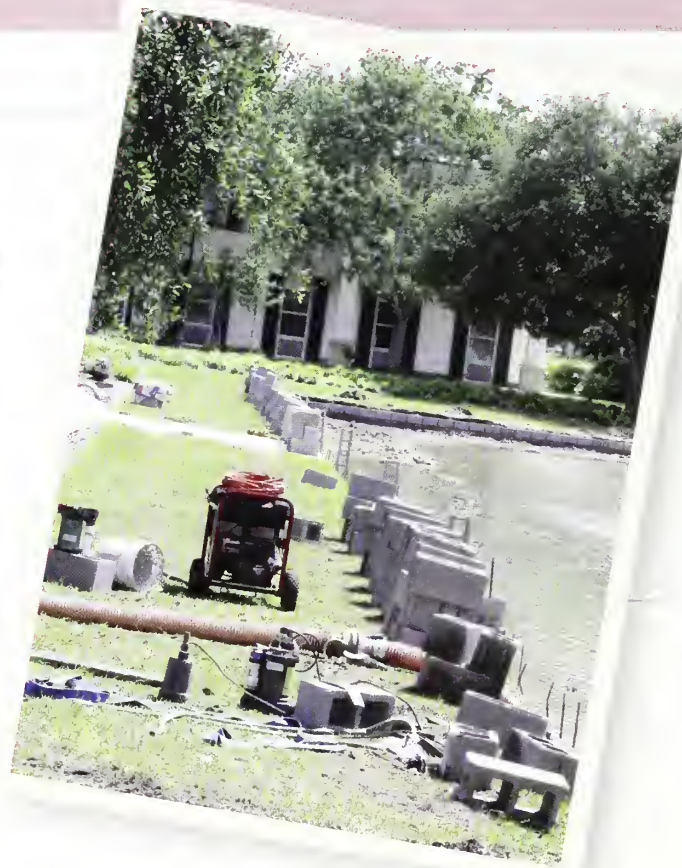
Padilla is at peace. He is now singing, confessing he walks around campus humming the song *It Is Well with My Soul*.

Peace, at last ■



CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

photos by Sherry Atkinson



REFLECTION POND

Maintenance at the Reflection Pond included replacing the original deteriorating retaining wall and adding permanent concrete duck ramps. The area is being prepped for a new brick walkway around the pond. ■

WOMEN'S SOUTH RESIDENCE HALL

Women's South is the first of the residence halls to be renovated. A pitched roof and updated interior will improve the aesthetics of the building and improve day-to-day life for residents. ■



GREEN INITIATIVES



The administrative services department joins green efforts through a series of recent initiatives

Chief Information Officer Rusty Bruns reports the implementation of University computer lab printing software will decrease print waste and save more than 80 trees annually. The University is also using a document imaging system that now stores more than 1.5 million electronic pages and has resulted in saving both storage space and paper use.

In addition, the department has implemented an electronic document system that includes class schedules, transcripts and student account information. Bruns said 26,000 single page reports are now online, reducing paper usage.

The business office has adopted a contract

with Shred-it™. Papers to be shredded are stored in locked boxes, collected by Shred-it™ employees and shredded in a mobile unit.

The program is freeing up employees' time and saving trees because the shredded material is recycled. ■

Technology UPGRADES in the works



Our 911 pinpoint security system is being upgraded. In addition to the normal pinpointing of the 911 call location, the new system provides recording of the 911 call and allows for CSU's security to listen to the 911 call. This provides notice to our security force of the type of emergency in advance of going to the emergency location.

This fall, administrative services will also unveil a new e-mail system for students. The University has been working with Microsoft to develop the new system. The new, expanded student e-mail platform will allow students to back up documents at no cost, add collaborative tools and chat online. ■

photo by Peter Finger



North Charleston Police Donate Security Vehicles

by Sherry Atkinson

The two donated Crown Victorias parked in front of Lightsey Chapel Auditorium were flanked by members of the North Charleston Police Department and Mayor Keith Summey as CSU Director of Security Don Little expressed appreciation for the donations.

The North Charleston police and CSU security have a long history of working together to provide a safe campus environment. "I am very proud of the partnership we enjoy with the North Charleston Police Department and the city of North Charleston. They have helped us in many areas such as training, emergency response and many routine matters," said Little. "The donation of these vehicles is just another step in maintaining a wonderful professional relationship between departments dedicated to protecting the community."

Captain Wayne Brown, with CSU,



Donated security vehicles have been refurbished and are making the rounds on campus. Pictured are Vice President for Student Affairs and Athletics Rick Brewer, Mayor of North Charleston Keith Summey, President Jarry Hunter, North Charleston Police Chief John Zumalt, and Don Little, Director of Campus Security.



worked closely with Assistant Chief Butch Barfield of North Charleston to coordinate the donation effort. After receiving approval from the North Charleston finance committee and city council, the vehicles made their way to the campus. After a paint job, some minor mechanical repairs and a good cleaning by Kappa Phi Chi fraternity, the vehicles were branded, decaled and ready for action.

"We are proud to work with Charleston Southern; you are a real asset to the greater Charleston area and the state of South Carolina," said Summey, a 1969 CSU alum. ■

David Baggs named VP for Advancement

by John Strubel

David A. Baggs has been named vice president for advancement, effective June 1.

Prior to his arrival at CSU, Baggs served as the assistant vice president for advancement at Cleveland State University in Ohio. He led the university's efforts in advancement services, alumni relations, annual giving, development marketing and communications and corporate and foundation engagement.

"I look forward to joining the Charleston Southern University community and helping to strengthen the connections between the University and its alumni, friends and the greater Charleston region," said Baggs. "CSU is an excellent university with strong potential for growing its development and alumni programs. I welcome this new challenge."

Baggs began his fundraising career as the director of capital campaigns at Asbury College in Kentucky. He was later promoted to director of development. During his tenure Baggs facilitated the largest pledge in the college's history.

Baggs also served as the regional director for



major gifts at the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia. Baggs served as the vice president of institutional advancement at Lake Erie College, where he played an instrumental role in the fundraising efforts that resulted in major campus renovations and a significant increase in giving.

"David has a wealth of development experience in both private and public higher education," said President Jarry C. Hunter. "David's commitment to Christian higher education will be invaluable to the university's growth and vision."

In 1990, Baggs graduated with a bachelor of science in education from Asbury College. He later earned his master of education in higher education administration at the University of Arkansas. While at William & Mary he also attended the National Planned Giving Institute. He is married to Kim, and they have two children, Aubrey and Camden. ■

PSI CHI WINS NATIONAL AWARD

by Jan Joslin

CSU's chapter of Psi Chi has won the National Chapter of the Year award for the second time. Psi Chi is the national honor society in psychology.

The chapter was also named National Chapter of the Year in 2004. The group is no stranger to the winner's circle – in the last 10 years the Charleston Southern chapter has taken home 10 major awards.

Dr. Christina Sinisi and Dr. Rachel Walker, both professors in the psychology department, are proud of the students and the recognition their work brings to the program. "We've had psychology students tell us that the award-

winning Psi Chi chapter is why they came to Charleston Southern," said Sinisi.

According to Sinisi, the process for applying for the National Chapter of the Year is lengthy and intense. "Each officer took part of the job, and the president compiled all the information into one report," said Sinisi. The application process involves an essay, information about service projects, conference attendance, fundraisers and submission of articles to the national magazine. ■



Aaron Haas, president of Psi Chi and a psychology major from Mt. Pleasant, opens a card to find that Psi Chi has won the National Chapter of the Year award. Photo by Aimee Davis



Travis Kay, BOV member Dave Smith '96, and his brother, Steve Smith, and sister-in-law, Diane Smith, attended the first Fun Shoot

Photo by Bill Ward

Fun Shoot raises scholarship dollars

The first Charleston Southern Fun Shoot was May 15 at Partridge Creek Gun Club in Dorchester County. Funds raised went to the general scholarship fund at CSU. Next year's event is scheduled for March 26, 2011, with a rain date of April 2. For more information, contact Bill Ward at 863-7514. ■

THREE FACULTY MEMBERS RETIRE

The Gold Room was filled with well-wishers honoring retiring faculty members Dr. Jim Barrier, Professor Steve Best and Dr. Gene McDermott. In addition to current faculty members, several faculty emeriti were able to join the festivities. ■



LEFT Dr. Gene McDermott and his wife, Leslie, enjoy the retirement luncheon with Dr. Joyce Bagwell and Professor Katy Huger

BELDW Long-time science faculty members share a moment. Dr. Jim Barrier, Dr. Clyde Odom, Professor Steve Best and Dr. Ken Bonnette

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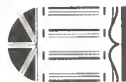




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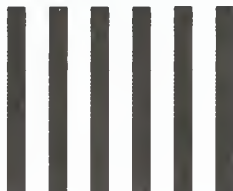
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13th Annual Scholarship Luncheon It's not what you make – it's what YOU GIVE



The 13th annual scholarship luncheon in April brought together scholarship donors and the students who are the recipients of their generosity.

Thomas "Dusty" Rhodes '75, a member of the Executive Council Board of Visitors, said, "What I see and feel, and the love in this room is priceless. One hundred percent of my dona-

tion goes to a young person. I will browbeat my friends to give. Give back – you're not judged by what you make, but what you give." ■

SERVING

Heart of a



Servant

Karen Collins has a reputation.

Just make a call anywhere on campus and ask. Debbie Williamson, vice president of enrollment, described Collins as “the person you often wish you could be.”

Walk the hall and strike up a conversation with an employee. “Karen’s service as an employee at CSU is truly admirable,” said Rex Nestor, assistant to the vice president of academic affairs. “Year after year she exceeds expectations. Her tenacious spirit and Christian perspective make her a pleasure to be around.”

Or, send an e-mail to a former coworker. Ken Gerlinger, sports information director from 1997-2000, wrote, “Karen was the person in the athletic department that everyone went to with everything. She was the person who could get things done. What made her so special to all of us was that she did it all while maintaining her humor and positive attitude. There was a lot on her shoulders, but she handled it with grace.”

BY JOHN STUBBLE
PHOTOS BY SHERRY ATKINSON

This is the kind of thing that happens when you spend 16 years in one place. In fact, her reputation has earned her the Distinguished Service Award for her service to the University

"I would not be where I am today as a person if not for Karen Collins," said Hans Olsen, former CSU coach and current head women's tennis coach at North Carolina State University. "She taught me about leadership. She taught me about mentoring and teaching young people. She taught me about how to work hard that one extra degree and how much of a difference that would make. Karen is a leader by the example that she sets each day."

"Karen is always thinking about and doing for others," adds Williamson. "It is a part of who she is as a person."

Prior to coming to CSU, Collins worked for 12 years at College Park Elementary as a teaching assistant. Then, in 1994, she accepted a position in the admissions office at CSU. After one year she transferred to the athletic department, where she spent the next 10 years, where she earned the nickname "I'll take care of that!" The phrase speaks for itself. One could count on a single hand the responsibilities Collins didn't take care of.

"She has a servant's heart and she will never stop giving to everyone around her," said women's volleyball coach Danyel Bellush. "Her entire life she has taken care of everyone IN her life. It is simply the way God programmed her ... to serve. She serves CSU with such grace and loyalty that she sets the bar high for all of us."



Collins and Juliana Johnson,
director of operations for advancement,
review giving reports

"She often sends the special card when you least expect receiving one," said Williamson. "She sends the e-mail, or leaves a voice mail, when she knows you need a word of encouragement."

When Collins started at Charleston Southern, Bellush was a senior student, who became head coach for women's volleyball. Collins is godmother to her children.

"Karen is a beautiful mother, wife, colleague and friend that is a blessing to everyone she encounters," added Bellush. "If you need something in a pinch, call her. If you need someone to talk to, call her. When you need someone to let you know they care about you, she'll call you!"

That's the reputation that earned her the Employee of the Year Award at CSU in 1997-98. In 2008-09, she was given the Distinguished Service Award from the CSU football staff (the first CSU employee to win the award).

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"Karen reaches out and serves others with incredible care and compassion," said Williamson. "It might be the student-athlete who has car trouble and doesn't have the money to repair it, the work-study student who lost a parent, military families whose family member is deployed, a friend who has lost a loved one or someone she doesn't even know but heard their parents didn't have the money to buy Christmas presents."

"Karen is a wonderful Christian woman with a heart of gold and strong faith in God," said Nestor.

Collins has worked in the advancement office since 2005. Karen and Ed Collins have been married for 35 years. The couple has one son, Adam, who graduated from CSU in 1998 with a degree in history. He earned his master's degree in athletic administration from IUP. He is the assistant athletic director and women's basketball coach at the University of Texas Permian Basin. The Collins have two grandchildren. ■

— Hans Olsen,
former CSU coach and
current head women's tennis coach
at North Carolina State University.



Run raises support for troops

By John Strubel

Several months ago, freshman Chelsie Snipes challenged the campus and local community to show their support for the thousands of U.S. troops serving our country in Afghanistan and Iraq. Local military, students, staff and faculty showed their support at Run for your Freedom in April.

The 5K run walk was Snipes' idea after she found out her brother, David, serving in Helmand Province, Afghanistan, did not have the basic needs for survival. Snipes said the conditions they are living in are dangerous and unhealthy. Her cousin, Josh, who has been in Afghanistan since August, has gone months without a bath. The troops are using limited supplies of baby wipes and bottled water to clean themselves. At night, temperatures drop below freezing, and many of the troops are wet from the waist down.

"I was in Afghanistan myself. I know what the conditions are like," said CSU senior Hadder Rendon. "You are always on the move. It is so

dangerous it is difficult to get supplies."

Snipes knew she had to do something to help. Through friends on campus, family and the local community, she organized the event using Facebook.

Dr. Michael Bryant, a professor in the religion department, who teaches Snipes's New Testament Survey class and participated in the race said, "I want to support and encourage the work Chelsie is doing in any way possible. We are proud of what she has done here."

The event raised supplies for care packages to be sent to the troops.

Those who participated dropped off boxes of food, bottled water and folders of letters and photos drawn by students from Harvest Baptist Temple Elementary School in Medford, Oregon.

Will, a first grade student at Harvest Baptist Temple wrote:

Dear Marine,

I hope you stay safe. I pray for you. Thank you for all you do. -- Will

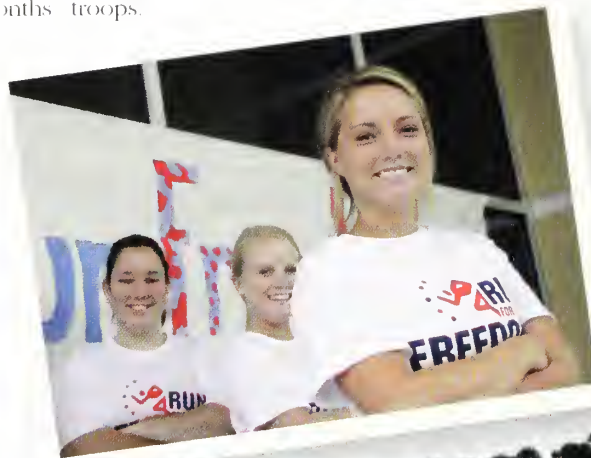
Another student, Levi, wrote:

Dear Marine,

Thank you for keeping our country safe. I hope you have a good time in the Marines.

I'll be praying for you. -- Levi

Four-year old Joshua drew a picture of a Marine in green and brown crayon to thank the troops. All the letters and pictures were packed in the supply boxes and sent to U.S. troops. The support from the supplies generated from Run for your Freedom will go a long way in the deserts of Afghanistan. ■



Photos by John Strubel



EXTREME MAKEOVER FAMILY AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS

By Sherry Atkinson

Jim Rhoton, director of admissions, could hardly wait to open an e-mail with the subject line – Extreme Makeover: Home Edition/Charleston Southern University. The e-mail was an invitation to help improve the overall life and future of a Loris, S.C., family by providing scholarships for the children.

After Derrick and Amanda Suggs married, they adopted Amanda's siblings to keep them from being separated in foster care and moved into the house Derrick inherited, which his grandfather built in 1953. The house had a leaky roof and rotting foundation. The Extreme Makeover team and the Loris community built a new home for the family.

During a press conference, Charleston Southern presented letters addressed to each of the four children containing the priceless gift of education: four-year full-tuition scholarships. ■

Lili Gresham, director of corporate relations and planned giving, presents scholarship letters to the Suggs family

Photo by Sherry Atkinson



CSU concert provides relief for Haiti

By John Strubel

More than 500 staff and students and the Lowcountry community responded to the earthquake in Haiti, raising more than \$3,000 at a Concert of Love for Haiti.

The concert, hosted by Count on 2 (WCBD) meteorologist Rob Fowler, featured live performances by the CSU Elevate band, One Accord gospel choir, Cru band, and Rockit & the Boyz. Special guests included Jacques Bazile and Stanley Honorat, both CSU students and Haitian natives and Haitian missionaries John and Joyce Pipkin (parents of 2001 CSU graduate Heather Pipkin-Gray). ■



Photo by Sherry Atkinson

SPRING BREAK GROUP MINISTERS IN BALTIMORE

Campus Ministries took a group of students to Baltimore for the third spring break project with The Church on Warren Avenue. The group made repairs to the church and parsonage, helped the church kick off its youth ministry, worked at a local recreation center and participated in a worship service at Johns Hopkins University.

Clark Carter, campus minister, shares a story from day three of the trip:

"Our small mission team of 15 did an incredible amount of ministry today. I won't bore you with all the details, but just let me say that in my 25+ years of vocational ministry, I have not seen a group so small do so much work! To God be the glory. And God did many miracles. I have to share one that does not sound so impressive, but I was blown away. Here is what happened.

"Do you remember the story of Elisha and the widow who only had one oil jar, yet with it filled many jars? It is found in 2 Kings 4:1-7. We were painting the ceiling in the kitchen of the parsonage. We started with about 2 cups of paint. With it we painted the trim of the ceiling and had only about one cup left. I asked Richie who was there helping me to paint to pray that

God would multiply the paint like He did the oil for the widow. I was not ready to make another trip to Lowes! Well, when we got half of the ceiling completed, there was no paint in the pan to continue our rolling. But we prayed and rolled. And rolled. And rolled. And we finished the entire ceiling. How was this possible? Simply stated, it was a miracle.



Repairing a fence in Baltimore. Photo by Tam Odom

"This week in Baltimore has been like that. God took a little, small group of students from CSU and did a great and wonderful thing. Dozens of lives were touched. A church was strengthened and encouraged. Walls of separation were broken down. Love was freely shared. God was glorified." ■

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— Clark Carter

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MUSICAL INTERVENTION

BY JOHN STRUBEL

Born in the Bronx, junior economics major Omar Montes de Oca grew up between the streets of New York and the small province of Monte Plata in the Dominican Republic. For a child, the settings were full of temptation. Before he could fall to temptation, his father intervened, putting Montes de Oca and his sister in piano class at the age of five. “It kept us away from the streets and the bad stuff that was around us,” he said.



Music did more than keep Montes de Oca out of trouble. He believes it developed the left side of his brain. His curiosity about his roots piqued when he took a Dominican history class. He read about the rich history of the small town of Monte Plata, where his family grew up. But the history and the results didn't add up.

"In that town there isn't anything," said Montes de Oca. "The province is one of the first ones established in this country; you would think it would be one of the most progressive."

Monte Plata, a small province outside of Santo Domingo, lacks the resources to provide children with hope and opportunity for the future – the same opportunity Montes de Oca had as a child.

"Most kids on the weekend just go to this little small park and they'll just play music and drink a lot of

alcohol," said Montes de Oca. "There are no activities. Although it's fun for them now, in the future they're not really going to do anything. That's how you don't progress."

"We were talking about ideas to help the province," said Montes de Oca. "My father always wanted to have a school for music." The conversation ended but the idea planted a seed.

Montes de Oca realized, like father, like son, he now needed to intervene between the past and future with a bold act in the present.

In the summer of 2008 Montes de Oca worked making deliveries for his father's business. He was listening to New York radio station 1010 WINS when a commercial came on "saying there was this music store in New Jersey going bankrupt and everything was half price," he remembers. He wrote down the phone number and gave it to his father.



They drove to New Jersey to see for themselves. "When we got there, there were 800 or 900 pianos - expensive pianos," said Montes de Oca. "The owner was walking by and heard my father talking to the salesman. He explained how he just wanted a couple of small pianos to go to the DR to start a school. The owner loved the story, and he said I'll give you what we pay for the pianos."

They walked out with four pianos, a keyboard, a drum set, two trumpets, two violins, two guitars, a bass and a regular guitar. That summer they took the instruments to Monte Plata.

Montes de Oca's father, who manages a modest real estate business in the DR, used the second floor of one of his properties to house the music center.

"When we first started he went around town and asked different businesses if they could help out," said Montes de Oca. "Through collections of the small town we've managed to pay two professors."

April 23 marked the one-year anniversary of Ataeneo Enrique Montes de Oca. "It was named after my

"These kids don't know their talents to develop," said Montes de Oca. "Since education isn't very good, these kids usually have the mentality they're not going to do anything. Poverty is so strong that even a college degree doesn't necessarily mean that you're gonna be successful. Music, it's like an escape. I don't have to live that way; I can do something else."

Music is a major part of the Dominican culture. Montes de Oca explained Merengue, the cha-cha, even salsa, which has Puerto Rican roots, is a major musical influence in DR culture.

"It's a big thing as far as our town; we just didn't have a way to teach music," he said. "You maybe could have found a keyboard in the whole town. So when my dad came in with the electric pianos that play with touch screen - wow. That's huge, especially for kids."

In the small town of Monte Plata, where people live day-to-day, Montes de Oca said the free music program made an immediate impact.

But free isn't truly free. The free program requires financial support to continue to meet the incredible

"SINCE EDUCATION ISN'T VERY GOOD, THESE KIDS USUALLY HAVE THE MENTALITY THEY'RE NOT GOING TO DO ANYTHING. POVERTY IS SO STRONG THAT EVEN A COLLEGE DEGREE DOESN'T NECESSARILY MEAN THAT YOU'RE GONNA BE SUCCESSFUL." - Omar Montes de Oca

grandfather," said Montes de Oca. "He was Enrique Montes de Oca, and Ataeneo is a Spanish word for art and culture."

The school opened in high demand. Two half-day classes are offered each weekday, operating conveniently around the traditional school hours in the Dominican Republic. More than 200 students of all ages signed up for free music lessons, including 16-year old Isuara Leidy Jimenez.

Born in Monte Plata, Isuara's parents, Pedro Jimenez and Elida Jimenez, noticed their daughter's interest in music and art at a very young age. They saved enough money to purchase a small keyboard and a music book so she could learn by herself because they did not have enough money for a teacher.

Isuara has been taking classes at Ateneo Enrique Montes de Oca and has excelled at the piano. Her favorite composers are Mozart, Schubert, Beethoven, Chopin, Vivaldi and Haydn, and her favorite songs are "Chanson de l'adieu" from Chopin, "The Four Seasons" from Vivaldi and "Moonlight Sonata" from Beethoven. Isuara is a great example and role model for the town of Monte Plata.

growth and success in its second year. Montes de Oca's father continues to pay for local musicians to teach students, rent and new instruments.

"Our problem right now is trying to get more money and finding more teachers," said Montes de Oca. "We have more students now, and since it's free, my dad has to pay for things ... in the first year it's been overwhelming, more than we expected ... everybody knows about that school now."

The school recently purchased 12 violins, a saxophone, a trombone and four more guitars.

"My father invited some of the most famous younger musicians in the country," said Montes de Oca. "The violinist from the national orchestra came twice a week from August to December and taught a group of specially chosen 14 young people that play the violin."

The group performed for the entire town at the local church last December. "It was packed; it was the first time the town ever had something like that," said Montes de Oca.

Like father, like son. A musical intervention is changing one small town one life at a time. ■

Alumni News

By David Weiss '03, Director of Alumni Affairs

2010 ALUMNI AWARD WINNERS HONORED

“THE ALUMNI BOARD IS PLEASED TO BE ABLE TO HONOR THESE OUTSTANDING ALUMNI,” SAID ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT AARON DUNN '82. “THESE FOUR GRADUATES ARE SHINING EXAMPLES OF HOW TO TAKE CHRIST INTO OUR COMMUNITY.”

Distinguished Alumnus of the Year:

O.L. Thompson '70

The Alumni Association is proud to honor O.L. Thompson's record of business success, community involvement, and service to the University by naming him the 2010 Distinguished Alumnus of the Year. Finding an open date in Thompson's calendar might take a while...but that's just how he likes it. Thompson, the winner of the 2010 Distinguished Alumnus of the Year Award, serves as the CEO of O.L. Thompson Construction, Thompson Trucking and Wando Concrete. He also is chairman of Santee Cooper, vice chairman of the Palmetto Economic Development Corporation, a member of the Coordinating Council for the S.C. Department of Commerce, on the boards of the Trident CEO Council, and the Southeastern Wildlife Expo and a member of the CSU Board of Visitors. Thompson has been involved in such high profile projects as the Arthur Ravenel Bldg, Google Berkeley County, Boeing and Nucor.

Since graduating 40 years ago, Thompson has been heavily involved in the Charleston community. He has worked with the Windward Farm for Boys, the Roper/St. Francis Foundation, the S.C. Trucking Association and the Charleston Subcontractors Association. He has also found time to stay involved as an elder at Yeaman's Park Presbyterian Church and as a coach in the Hanahan Recreation System. However, his proudest title is that of husband, father and grandfather. He and his wife, Toni, have three children and four grandchildren.

University Mission Award:

Jan Mims '82

As a longtime CSU employee and a member of the Class of 1982, you would be hard pressed to find someone more dedicated to the University. During her 17 years as an employee, Jan Mims has held many positions within the business office, currently serving as the associate vice president for business affairs. Over the years, she has logged many 12-plus hour days and has gone above and beyond her duties, helping steer her office through both good times and the more difficult times. Her humble and honest spirit is constant and displayed in her work, family and church life.

Mims is a wonderful ambassador for CSU both in her church and in the local community.



Pictured: Jan Mims, O.L. Thompson, Bob Gray
Not pictured: Tony Owens Photo by Sherry Atkinson

Alumnus Community Service Award:

Bob Gray '70

When you think of the Shriners organization in the Myrtle Beach area, you think Bob Gray. A member of the Class of 1970, Gray is an accomplished businessman and involved member of the Grand Strand community. He is the president and owner of Sunco Swimming Pool Company. He and his late wife, April, have four children and seven grandchildren.

Gray has served as president of the Myrtle Beach Jaycees, as a Paul Harris Fellow on the Myrtle Beach Rotary, as a member of CSU's Board of Visitors and has served as the official tree-lighting Santa Claus for the City of Myrtle Beach. His main area of community involvement is through the Shriners organization. He is a Master Mason at the Seaside Masonic Lodge #419, a York Rite and lifetime Scottish Rite Mason, past president of the Myrtle Beach Shrine Club, past director and past president, Omar Shriners of Coastal S.C., and past president of the South Atlantic Shrine Association.

Young Alumnus of the Year:

Dr. Tony Owens '02

Humble may not have been how a teenage Tony Owens would have been described, but as a medical professional, his humble demeanor is one of the first things you will notice. During his youth, Owens became involved in drugs and alcohol, and this led to his incarceration at a juvenile facility in Columbia at the age of 15. Around this time, God began working in Owen's life and changed his heart, leading to a recommitment of his life to Christ. Tony felt a call to join the medical field and attended medical school at MUSC. He is finishing his residency in anesthesiology at the University of Tennessee in 2010, and will be attending a fellowship in pain management at Wake Forest University after completion of his residency. Owens hopes to return to Charleston after the fellowship along with his wife and three kids, and they hope to start an orphanage in the Charleston area through a local church. ■

8 WAYS TO A BETTER ESTATE PLAN

If you haven't done so already, today is the day to begin planning your estate. Thinking ahead can save you many tax dollars, and with estate tax rates reaching up to 55 percent in 2011, this should be of primary importance to you. In addition, you want to control the disposition of your property at death.

Below are some tips to help you make certain your estate is properly planned.

1. Update Your Will or Living Trust

Your will or trust is the most important component of your estate plan. It is the basis for distributing the majority of your assets. Your will or trust should be updated every three to five years and also after times of personal change, such as marriage, death, divorce, birth, adoption, inheritance or a move to another state.

2. Consider Taxes

Your estate plan may need to be updated because of frequent tax law changes to the federal estate tax exemption amount. Even though estate taxes are repealed for deaths that occur in 2010, they will reappear in 2011—then your estate can be worth only \$1 million before estate taxes are owed.

3. Choose an Executor or Trustee

Think long and hard about the individual or institution named to act as your executor or trustee, bearing the responsibility of carrying out your wishes after death. You will want to name someone you trust implicitly, someone who is experienced to act. You may consider naming a loved one along with an experienced financial institution.

4. Name a Power of Attorney

Assign someone to act for you to handle your financial affairs in the event that you are unable to do so yourself. Property can also be managed, and disposition rights granted, through a durable power of attorney.

5. Create a Living Will

Draft a living will that makes your wishes known regarding extraordinary measures for keeping you alive. A living will allows decisions to be made when you are unable to communicate your wishes. This document can help family members who may be distraught make decisions based upon your stated wishes. You should inform your family members of your wishes in advance.

6. Check Up on Insurance

Evaluate your insurance periodically. Make sure that you have enough to cover changing needs.

7. Watch Your Investments

Commit to learning more about investments. Your finances are your future, and the more you learn, the easier and more interesting it becomes.

8. Be Charitable

An unlimited amount of money can be given to a qualified charitable organization during your lifetime or at your death, free of federal gift and estate taxes. Charitable gifts are an important component of any estate plan and may be especially helpful for people who do not have heirs to consider when distributing their estate.

Through gifts to a charitable organization, you can benefit during life and at death—and reduce your taxable estate as well. Just call us if you'd like more information.

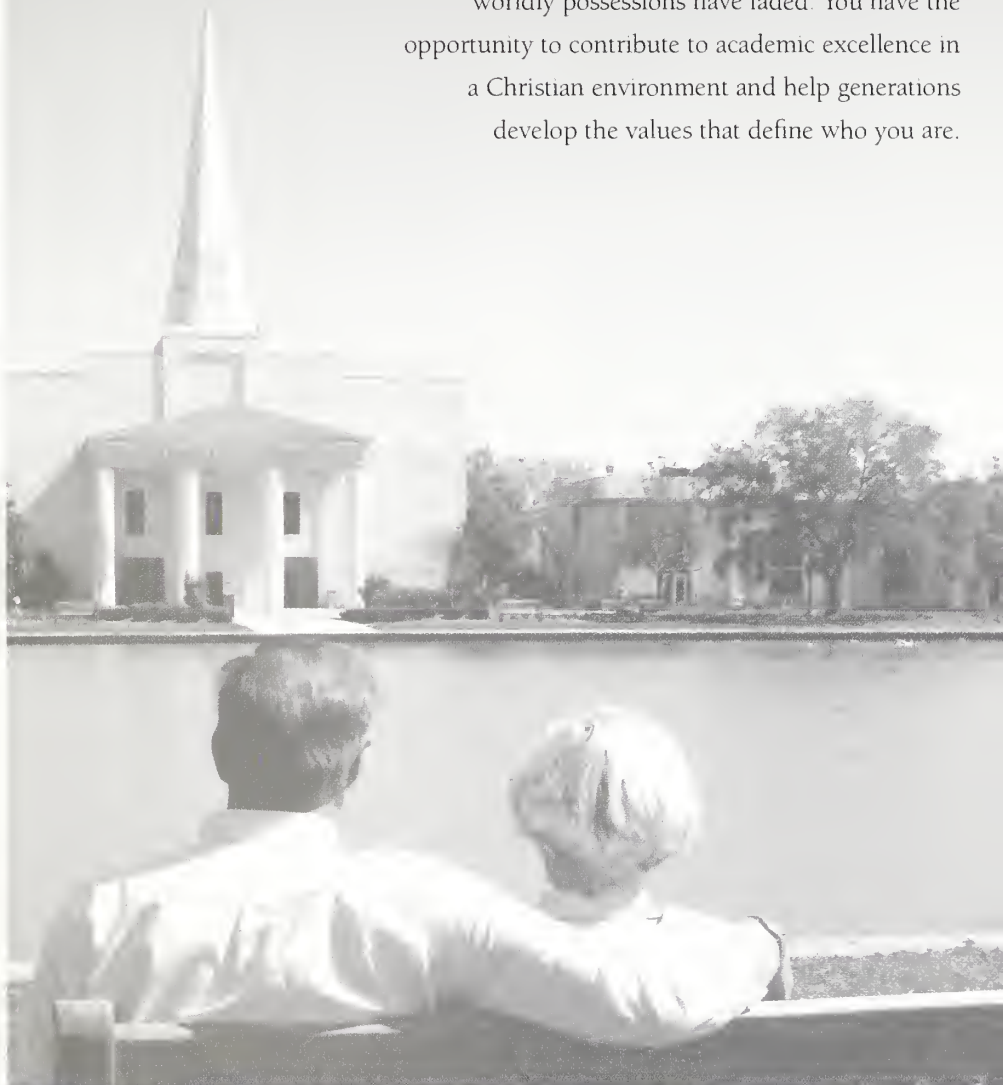
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Alumni News

By David Weiss '03, Director of Alumni Affairs

Cuttino Choir Reunion highlights Homecoming 2010

Fall is just around the corner, which means it's time to make plans for Homecoming/Family Weekend Oct. 21-24.

The traditional kickoff to Homecoming Weekend, the 5k Fun Run and Walk, will commence on Thursday, Oct. 21, and Homecoming festivities will continue on through campus worship on Sunday, Oct. 24.

The Alumni Association is proud to be working with the Horton School of Music to plan a reunion concert for former choir members who were directed by the late Dr. David Cuttino. With two rehearsals and the concert planned, there will be many opportunities for choir alumni to reconnect.

For nonchoir alumni, there will be plenty of other events to keep you and your family busy. Events like the President's Cup Golf Tournament, Fall Fest, the Alumni Tailgate party and Buccaneer Football will provide great opportunities to visit with classmates, professors and staff members from your time at Charleston Southern. Stay up-to-date on all Alumni and Homecoming events by logging onto www.charlestonsonthern.edu/alumni, or visit the CSU Alumni Association page on Facebook.

Thursday, October 21

5K Fun Run/Walk, 7:15 p.m., Field House Lawn

Alumni, students, faculty and staff are invited to join the 2010 5K Fun Run and Walk. This is the traditional kickoff to Homecoming Weekend. T-Shirts will be provided for student runners, and winners will be announced in various categories.

Elevate @ 8, Field House Lawn

Join Elevate, the weekly campus worship service, for a wonderful time of worship with our students and the Elevate Praise Band.

3rd Annual Fall Fest, 9 p.m., Field House Lawn

There will be plenty of games, food and music for the entire family as well as a pep rally to get us ready for the Homecoming football game. Beat VMI!

Friday, October 22

23rd Annual President's Cup Golf Tournament, Noon, Crowfield Golf and Country Club

Alumni and friends are invited to join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship at the 23rd annual President's Cup Golf Tournament. The format is captain's choice, and golfers will be arranged in teams of four. Register a team of four for \$400, or golfers may register individually for \$100. There will be prizes for the top three teams, longest drive, closest to the pin and more. An awards banquet will be held at the conclusion of the tournament, and non-golfers may attend the banquet for \$10 each. Contact David Weiss at dweiss@csuniv.edu or at 843-863-7516 for more information on registering a team or becoming a hole sponsor!

Cuttino Choir Reunion Welcome Reception and First Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m., Wittington Hall

The Reunion group will be gathering on Friday evening for a reception in Wittington Hall 103 followed by a short rehearsal. Please visit www.charlestonsonthern.edu/alumni for the latest information on the Cuttino Choir Reunion or e-mail cuttinoreunion@gmail.com.

CUTTINO CHOIR REUNION

Friday Oct 22: First Rehearsal and Welcome Reception, Wittington Hall 103, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday Oct 23: Second Rehearsal, Charleston Room, 10 a.m.

Saturday Oct 23: Sound Check: Lightsey Chapel Auditorium, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday Oct 23: Cuttino Choir Reunion Concert, Lightsey Chapel Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday Oct 23: *Cake and Punch Reception, Charleston Room, following concert*

Price for each choir member is \$20, this includes registration, food at Friday night reception and reunion gift

Reunion details can be found at www.charlestonsonthern.edu/alumni

E-mail cuttinoreunion@gmail.com to R.S.V.P. for the event.

Saturday, October 23

Alumni Association Annual Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Science Building

Alumni are encouraged to attend the CSUAA annual meeting. Alumni Board members, Alumni Association officers and University administrators will be on hand to answer your questions. Also at this meeting, new board members will be elected. Light refreshments will be served.

Cuttino Choir Reunion Rehearsal, 10 a.m., Charleston Room, Strom Thurmond Center

This will be the second and final rehearsal for the Cuttino Choir Reunion.

Campus Tours, 10:45 a.m., alumni tent near football stadium

How much has the campus changed since your graduation? You may be surprised at how different your alma mater looks now! Alumni are invited to join our student tour guides for a first-hand look at the new buildings and campus improvements. Tours will originate at the alumni tent near the football stadium.

Alumni Tailgate Lunch, 11 a.m., Alumni Tent

Join us at the big tent for a wonderful time of fun, food and fellowship. Lunch tickets are available for \$7 each. Register at the alumni table for a free Homecoming T-shirt, while supplies last.

Department of Criminal Justice Reunion, 11 a.m., Alumni Tent

All bachelor's and master's criminal justice alumni are encouraged to stop by the criminal justice table during lunch. Faculty as well as current students will be on hand and would love to see you.

Buc Walk/Homecoming Parade 2010, Noon, Alumni Tent

Enjoy the floats and displays from campus clubs and organizations, the ROTC cadets, cheerleaders and the Marching Bucs. Representatives from the Homecoming court will also be participating, along with President Hunter and First Lady Sissy Hunter. Parade will be visible from the alumni tent.

Football vs. VMI, 1:30 p.m., CSU Stadium

Watch as the Buccaneers take on Big South Conference opponent VMI at CSU Stadium. General admission tickets are available for \$10 each. Watch your mailbox for the Homecoming Brochure to preorder football and lunch tickets.

Cuttino Choir Reunion Concert, 7:30 p.m., Lightsey Chapel Auditorium

Dr. David Cuttino's influence on the choral program will be recognized and his memory celebrated throughout this event. Please join us for a wonderful concert, followed by a reception with light refreshments in the Charleston Room.

Sunday, October 24

Campus Worship, 11 a.m., Lightsey Chapel Auditorium

Join our students and Summit Church for campus worship. ■



**There are more events to come! Please be sure to visit
www.charlestonsouthern.edu/alumni for the most up-to-date event listings.**

**For more information about the Cuttino Choir Reunion, e-mail the committee
at cuttinoreunion@gmail.com. Don't forget to join the facebook group, Baptist
College At Charleston Concert Choir Alumni**

Baby Bucs



Calling All Baby Bucs!

Alumni – If you have a child under the age of 2 or are expecting a child, please let us know, and we will send you a CSU creeper for your Baby Buc. The shirt is free of charge – all we ask in return is a photo of your Baby Buc for the magazine.

Contact David Weiss at
alumni@csuniv.edu.

CLOCKWISE FROM UPPER LEFT

Addysen Miller, daughter of **Leslie Williamson Miller '08** and granddaughter of **Frank Williamson '71**

James and Jude Stover, sons of **Lindsay Stover '06**

Lucas Bradley Driggers, son of **Lindsay Bradley Driggers '05** and **David Driggers '05**
with big sister Isabella

Mia Stukes, daughter of **Margo Stukes '07** and Jarod Stukes

Alumni Association Honors May Graduates

By Jan Joslin

May graduates were officially welcomed into the Alumni Association at the annual graduation luncheon May 7.

Deborah Vinson Spencer, M.D., a senior pathology resident, Anatomic and Clinical Pathology, at the Medical University of South Carolina, addressed the graduates and their guests. She said, "Put your faith in the Lord; you will be rewarded." Spencer is a 2002 CSU alum.

"My education at CSU has been instrumental in my success," said Spencer. "When I started med school at MUSC, my professors were amazed at the medical knowledge I had coming out of college."

She shared that a difficult surgery experience and long recovery for appendicitis changed the way she views the patient-doctor relationship. "At some point you will have the opportunity to care for others in some way – do so with compassion," said Spencer.

Aaron Dunn '82, president of the Alumni Association, congratulated the Class of 2010 and shared a memory from his graduation. "My pastor asked me, 'did you graduate with honors?' I said, 'No, it was an honor for me to graduate,'" said Dunn. ■



Photo by Sherry Atkinson

PAIR OF REUNIONS SCHEDULED FOR FOOTBALL SEASON

By CSU Sports Information

CSU will recognize a couple of notable teams during the football season with reunions in their honor. The Bucs will honor the 25th anniversary of the school's first club football team as part of the homecoming festivities on October 23.

Additionally, the school will reunite the 2005 team as the Buccaneers take on Presbyterian College Nov. 13 for the fifth anniversary of their Big South Championship.

CSU made the decision to start a football program in 1985, playing at the club level for six years before moving to Division III in 1991. Two members of the club team, Steve Blanchard and Greg McKenzie, have been inducted into the CSU Hall of Fame.

In 2005, CSU broke through and won its first Big South Championship, doing so in dramatic fashion over Coastal Carolina. A touchdown at the end of regulation sent the game into overtime, and the Bucs stopped CCU in the second

overtime period to clinch the victory, honoring fallen teammate Eddie Gadson in the process.

Members of the two teams can get additional information about the reunion by contacting Cathryn Broderhausen at 843-863-7523, visiting our CSU Facebook page www.facebook.com/csusports, or by filling out the CSU Alumni Registration form on www.CSUsports.com. ■

Class notes



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1971

Rev. Richard "Dickie" Knight is the Marion District Superintendent for the South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church. He and his wife, Brenda, have three children and seven grandchildren.

1976

James S. Allen was appointed chaplain of the Yalobusha County Sheriff's Department in Water Valley, Miss., in January 2009. He sends greetings to his former classmates and would like to hear from his friends. His e-mail is jimal-len@ms.metrocast.net.

1978

Dr. Vashti K. Washington is the new superintendent of the Jasper County School District. Previously, she was an associate superintendent of the Charleston County School District.

1980

Rev. Bobby Byrd is the transitional pastor at South Hartsville Baptist Church. He is employed by the S.C. Employment Security Commission in Marion.

1981

Virginia Kirkland Hammond is the new minister of music at Elko Baptist Church. She is also a kindergarten teacher for the Aiken County School District.

1985

Tony Fountain has been appointed to the national Commission on Ethics in Aging Services to serve a three-year term. Tony writes, "The Commission identifies, analyzes and provides education for non-profit providers and their affiliates as directly related to public policy and ethical implications surrounding the senior adult population and those nonprofit providers who offer related services across the country." Tony is the president/CEO of Westminster Towers Senior Living Services in Rock Hill. Additionally, he is an International Accreditation Surveyor with the Continuing Care Accreditation Commission in Washington, D.C., is an instructor with Duke University's Nonprofit Management Program, is chair-elect for the Board of Directors of Aging Services of South Carolina, is a House of Delegates board member for the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging, and is on the CSU Board of Visitors and Alumni Board.

1997

Melissa Crowley Dean was named a distinguished educator for the 2010 Trinity Prize for Excellence in Teaching, representing the Schertz-Cibolo Universal City Independent School District and John A. Sippel Elementary School. Melissa received a \$1,500 cash prize, a certificate from the mayor of San Antonio and a Tiffany & Co. Crystal Apple Award from Trinity University. She is a fourth grade teacher at Sippel Elementary, where she was selected as its first teacher of the year in 2009.

2001

David Cobden writes, "The past 10 years have been somewhat of a whirlwind and have absolutely flown by. Immediately after graduating from CSU, I continued my education at Georgetown and Dartmouth, earning master's degrees in biotechnology and public health economics. Thereafter, I began working in the pharmaceutical industry and am currently based in upstate New York covering a wide region of the eastern U.S. as a health economist working with large insurance companies. I've also been working toward completing a PhD in health policy and economics, which Lord willing, I'll be able to complete sometime later this year. The Lord has been so unbeliev-

ably merciful and faithful to me and my family, it just leaves me in awe. I hope everyone from my class is doing well; unfortunately, I haven't kept in touch as often as I ought, but look forward to remedying that – check me out on Facebook if you've got it."

2002



Crissy S. Dillahey graduated from The Citadel Graduate College May 9 with a master's degree in elementary administration and educational leadership. She is the communications and technology teacher at Chicora School of Communications in North Charleston.



Lili Gresham was named to the Charleston Regional Business Journal's Forty Under 40 for leadership in business and community involvement. She is director of corporate relations and planned giving at Charleston Southern and is the daughter of **Faye Breland Gresham '73**. Pictured with Lili, center, are **Virginia Williamson '99, '06 MBA**, and **Juliana Londo Johnson '08 MBA**.

2004

Proud parents, **Samantha Dyal** and her husband, Buck, announce the birth of their third little blessing, **Bradley Asher Dyal**, born Oct. 28, 2009.



Kate Hayden Jackson, MEd '05, and her husband, Eric, welcomed their first child, **Kayden Grace Jackson**, on Feb. 8. She weighed 6 lbs., 3 oz. They live in Brunswick, Ga.

Kristen Elizabeth Ward and **Dustin Robert DeGoursey** were married March 6 on Sullivan's Island. She is an account executive with Amedisys Home Health. They live in Lexington.

2005

Charly Elizabeth Moore and **Kevin Mitchell Pryor** were married March 27 in Florence. He is employed by AT&T, and they live in Florence.

2006

Yonnick Hammond was recently featured in *Roll Call* as a new staffer with Rep. Jeff Miller (R-Fla.). Hammond's duties are covering health care, housing, small business and Social Security.

Casey Jean Locklear and **Joseph Christopher Heard** were married Feb. 20. Casey writes, "I am currently working as a Spanish/English bilingual accounts receivable representative for Synter Resource Group in North Charleston. My husband (a 2004 Clemson grad) is a systems engineer for ARINC, also in North Charleston. We are living in West Ashley and are expecting our first child at the end of September."

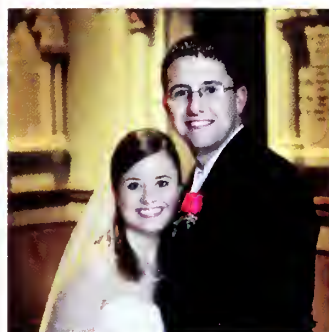
SuQuesta Williams and Tsgt. **Monte Dixon** were married April 10 in North Charleston. She is employed by the S.C. Commission for the Blind, and they live in North Charleston.

2007

Kathryn Leigh Beaty and **Kevin Brooks Meetze** were married April 3 in Rock Hill. She is a teacher at Eastover Elementary School in Charlotte, and they live in Huntersville, N.C.

Julie Lane Gunnin and **David Goodwin Kopp Jr.** were married April 17 in Marion. She is women's director of mobilization for Campus Outreach Ministries. They live in Charleston.

2008



Katharine "Katie" Baxley and **Anthony Pieretti Jr. '09** were married Dec. 12, 2009, at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Charleston. Anthony writes, "We are both graduate students. Katie is a master of arts in teaching early childhood education student at the College of Charleston, and I am a master of arts in teaching social studies student at The Citadel."

Heather Kuehl recently had her second paranormal title released with Eternal Press, *Promises to Keep*. She writes, "...first release, *Fade to Black*, reached #1 on Fictionwise.com's bestseller list for fantasy eBooks and has been praised as 'one kick butt action-adventure ride from start to finish' by Dark Diva Reviews. *Fade to Black*'s sequel, *Malevolent Dead*, is due out later this year." For more about her books, visit www.heatherkuehl.com.

Kathleen Love, MS in criminal justice, has been promoted to sergeant with the North Charleston Police Department.



Kristina Nicole Steen and **Bryan Gregory Sadler** were married Oct. 9, 2009, at Cypress Gardens in Moncks Corner. Bryan is a police officer with the North Charleston Police Department, and his wife is a medical assistant at Doctor's Care in North Charleston.

2009

Navy Seaman Johann L. Dinoso, MBA, completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

Christin Elizabeth Donnelly and **Edwin Wilson Rogers III** were married March 20 in North Charleston. She is employed by Berkeley County School District, and they live in Goose Creek.

2010

Jessica Lynn Wood and **Randall Roscoe Carter Jr.** were married May 1 in North Charleston. She is employed at Charleston Southern and is pursuing an MBA. He is employed by Berkeley County School District and is also self-employed. They live in Charleston ■

Buccaneer GENERATIONS

Buccaneers – do you have children, or maybe even grandchildren, attending (or already graduated from) Charleston Southern? If so, we want to include your family picture in the School Ties section of CSU Magazine.

It's easy to be included – simply e-mail a picture of all your Buccaneer family connections

to Jan Joslin, jjoslin@csuniv.edu, and identify the family members in the photo from left to right and the year they graduated from CSU. Make sure the photo is high resolution (about 2MB in size).

We look forward to spotlighting Buccaneers through the generations! ■



The Wests: Candi West Clemons '09, Preston West '83, and Andrew West, a current senior. Candi is married to alumnus Tim Clemons '08

SHEARER PUBLISHES BOOK TO HELP OTHERS REACH POTENTIAL

By Jan Joslin

When he was a 1st Lieutenant deployed to Kuwait with the U.S. Air Force, Darren Paul Shearer '04 gathered his fellow troops once a week for a time of mentoring each other.

Shearer's recently published book, *In You God Trusts: The Five Domains of Personal Responsibility*, grew out of those sessions. The book serves as a guide to help people reach their fullest potential in five core aspects of

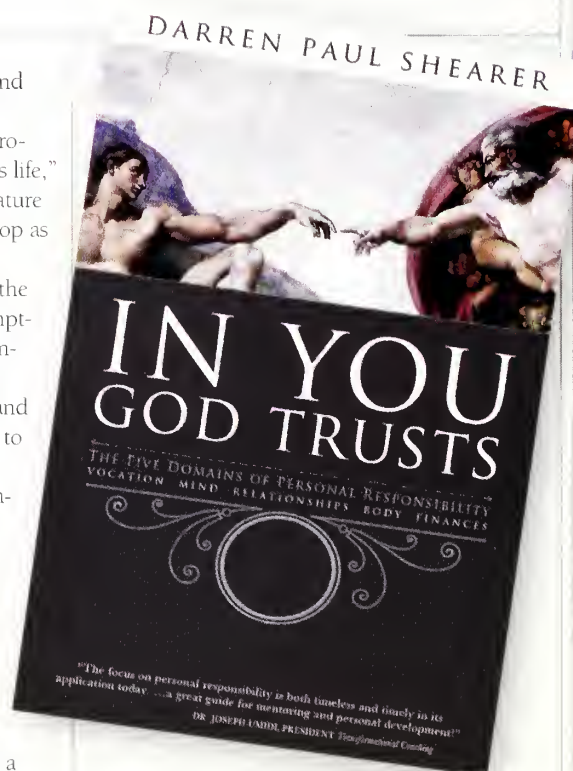
life: vocation, mind, relationships, body and finances.

"The 5D approach to personal growth promotes holistic transformation of a person's life," said Shearer. "Because of the integrated nature of human life, one domain can only develop as the other four develop."

Shearer was a sophomore at CSU when the attacks of 9-11 occurred. That event prompted him to pursue an Air Force commissioning through CSU's AFOTC Detachment 772. "During this time of soul searching and spiritual awakening, I surrendered my life to Jesus Christ," said Shearer.

Today, Shearer is an instructor of academic writing at Regent University in Virginia Beach, Va. He started The Five Domains organization to accompany his book. More information about the organization is located at www.thefivedomains.com.

Captain Shearer earned the Commendation Medal in 2008 for his meritorious service in Kuwait during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Shearer's brother, Dane, is a 2002 CSU alum. ■



Keyes sisters hit the BIG SCREEN

by John Strubel



Karen & Keva Keyes

Johnnie Keyes remembers the first time she saw *Letters from Home*, the short film produced and directed by her two daughters Karen and Keva.

She received a phone call in the office on a Friday afternoon. Karen and Keva told her to meet them in the parking lot next to the CSU football field. When she arrived, she was greeted by her daughters who took her into a Winnebago. Inside, she watched the short film for the first time.

"It was emotional," said Keyes, who works in the L. Mendel Rivers Library at CSU. "It left me wanting more."

In March Keyes joined her daughters for the Lowcountry premiere of the film at the 2010 Charleston Film Festival. The film, written and

directed by Keva Keyes and produced by her sister, Karen, was recorded on 35 millimeter film over one-and-one-half days.

"A director requested a reel," said Keva. "Once I decided Afghanistan would be the setting, I built upon my uncle's military experiences. From a film production stand point I've worked on a number of military projects. So I'm familiar with the lives of soldiers."

Filmed in Charleston last July, the short introduces a team of U.S. Army soldiers deployed to a remote base in Afghanistan. As SFC Hargrove's team prepares for a mission, the always anticipated mail call occurs. It's through this brief encounter we are able to get to know the team members and witness the effects the letters have on them.

Both Keva and Karen Keyes are CSU alumni ('95). Since then, the sisters have worked on dozens of television and movie productions including *Semper Fi*, *The Notebook*, *One Tree Hill*, *Dear John* and *Army Wives*. The experience has paid off. Initial screenings have already received national recognition.

In May *Letters from Home* was part of the 4th Annual GI Film Festival in Washington, D.C.

Keva's recent short screenplay, *The Hunt for the Golden Cobra*, was a finalist in the 2010 International Family Film Festival. She plans to direct the film in the fall with a crew of professionals and students enrolled in the Trident Technical College Film Production Program. ■

Memorials

Barbara Joan Blanton '73, age 74, died May 1 in Charleston. She was a retired teacher and tennis coach and spent most of her 40-year teaching career at Summerville High School. The tennis courts at SHS were named in her honor.

Carolyn June Bonner, age 72, died May 23 in Charleston. She is a former artist-in-residence at the University. Bonner was an opera singer and voice teacher and had performed with symphonies in the U.S. and around the world.

Kimberly Elsey Cottingham '00, age 48, died April 24 in Ridgeville. She received her degree in sociology.

Walter Dow "Walt" Goodman, age 68, died Jan. 18 in Kershaw. He was the retired owner and manager of Kershaw IGA. He served as a member of the CSU Board of Trustees from 1989-1993 and was a member of the University's Board of Visitors.

Leo Jackson "Jay" Harvey III '85, age 46, died April 18 in Gaffney. He was the owner and operator of Harvey's Drive-In and interim music director at Kirby Memorial Baptist Church.

Bobbie Mooney Sellers '72, age 74, died March 21 in Supply, N.C. She was a retired school teacher.

Capt. Jonathan Jesse Shively '06, age 33, died May 2 in Columbia. He was in the U.S. Army National Guard and was a platoon leader and an AH-64 Apache pilot. He was pursuing an MBA at CSU.

KEEP IN TOUCH

We want to hear from you – send us information about job changes, family additions and memories from your time at CSU.

In order for your news to be printed in the fall issue of CSU Magazine, we need to receive your information by Sept. 1, 2010.

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CUTTINO CHOIR REUNION

PLANNED FOR HOMECOMING WEEKEND

schedule of events:

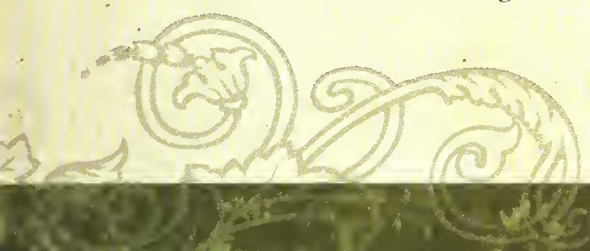
The Charleston Southern University Alumni Association and the Horton School of Music are proud to announce the 2010 Cuttino Choir Reunion, in memory of Dr. David Cuttino. The reunion choir, open to all alumni who performed under Dr. Cuttino, is part of Homecoming Weekend 2010.

Friday October 22

- 6:30 p.m. – Welcome Reception & Rehearsal, Wittington Hall

Saturday October 23

- 10:00 a.m. – Rehearsal, *Charleston Room*
- 6:30 p.m. – Sound Check, *Chapel*
- 7:30 p.m. – Reunion Concert, *Chapel*
- Reception, *Charleston Room* following concert



COST: \$20 per Choir Member: includes registration, receptions and commemorative gift.

Please contact the Reunion Committee if you would like to be a part of the Cuttino Choir Reunion.
Search "Baptist College Choir Alumni" on Facebook to join the group.
Register for the event at cuttinoreunion@gmail.com.



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